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DALLAS COUPLE WHO PRODUCED CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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Defendant Douglas James Meyers Sentenced to 30 Years

SENTENCED TO LENGTHY FEDERAL PRISON SENTENCES

DALLAS — Dallas residents, Douglas James Meyers and Amanda Renee Jenson, who both admitted producing child pornography, were sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey, announced U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper of the Northern District of Texas. Meyers, 45, also pled guilty to possessing child pornography. Judge Godbey sentenced Meyers to 300 months (25 years) in prison and sentenced Jenson, 20, to 180 months (15 years) in prison. Both must register as sex offenders and both were sentenced to serve a lifetime of supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Roper said, "I am pleased with the tough sentences Judge Godbey imposed on these defendants today. These sentences send a loud and clear message to child predators that they will be found and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Roper continued, "I want to commend the investigating agencies, the Dallas Police Department, including the Dallas Police Department's Child Abuse Unit, the Dallas Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service and the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, for their excellent, cooperative investigative efforts in this case. This is clearly another Project Safe Childhood success story."

The investigation began in June 2007 when, according to the affidavit filed with the criminal complaint, an officer with the Dallas Police Department's Child Abuse Unit informed an agent with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service, that she had received information that a 13-year-old female had been sexually assaulted by Douglas James Meyers and Amanda Renee Jenson.

The minor victim disclosed during interviews that she had sexual contact with Jenson and with Jenson's boyfriend, Meyers, during a weekend visit to their residence. The victim stated that Meyers had committed acts of aggravated sexual assault with her and that Meyers also photographed

Jenson engaging in aggravated sexual assault with her. The Dallas Police Department officer advised the U.S. Secret Service that she had interviewed another witness who had seen photographs on a computer located in the Meyers/Jenson residence that showed both Meyers and Jenson separately engaged in sexually explicit conduct with the minor.

Members of the Dallas Police Department's Child Abuse Unit executed a search warrant at the Meyers/Jenson residence on Royal Lane in Dallas. They located CPUs, laptop computers, numerous hard drives, several hundred pieces of removable media, and four digital cameras. A preliminary review of the evidence by Dallas Police Department officers revealed images of child erotica unrelated to the victim and child pornography images involving the 13-year-old female victim.

Both Meyers and Jenson admit that sometime between February 1, 2007 and May 3, 2007, they drove the Hummer vehicle and picked up "Jane Doe," and the three returned to the Meyers/Jenson residence on Royal Lane in Dallas. During that weekend, Jenson and Meyers used a digital camera to take photographs of Jenson engaging in oral-sexual intercourse with "Jane Doe." Additional photographs, taken by Jenson, depict Meyers and "Jane Doe" engaged in sexual intercourse.

The Court ordered the defendants to forfeit the 2003 Hummer vehicle as well as all the items law enforcement seized from the residence on Royal Lane, the storage unit on Inwood Road in Addison, Texas, and the business located on West Lovers Lane in Dallas.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aisha Saleem prosecuted the case.

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